The demand and availability of major fertilizers namely, Urea, DAP & MOP in Assam during the year 1999-2000 has been as under:

('000 tonnes)

S. No.	Product	Season		Estimated demand	Avail-ability	Sales
1.	Urea	Kharif "99	(April-	60.00	90.82	70.05
		Sept) Rabi 99-2000	(Oct.-	65.00	53.97*	23.16*
		March)				
2.	DAP**	Kharif '99		20.00	21.17	6.19
		Rabi '99-2000		15.00	17.58*	6.45*
3.	MOP**	Kharif '99		33.00	26.02	18.32
		Rabi '99-2000		45.00	32.04*	13.95*

*Availability and sales from 1st October '99 to 31st January 2000. "The demand in respect of DAP & MOP is as projected by the State. This is not assessed demand.

(d) and (e) Question does not arise.

Basic Drugs Units in the Country

145. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the location of basic drug's units set up in the public sector in the country and their financial status at present;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to set up any new drug unit in the country;

(c) if so, the places identified therefor;

(d) whether there is a great scope for setting up drug units in Orissa;

(e) if so, the number of such units proposed to be set up in that State; and

(f) the details of steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)(a) The location of the public sector basic drug units in the country is given in the enclosed statement. (See below) All the companies are BIFR referred companies.

(b) to (f) There is no proposal to set up any new drug unit in the country including in the State of Orissa.

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Statement

1. *Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited*
   Rishikesh (Uttar Pradesh)
   Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh)
2. *Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.*
   Pimpri (Maharashtra)
3. *Bengal Immunity Limited*
   Baranagar (West Bengal)
   Dehradun (Uttar Pradesh)
4. *Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.* .
   Calcutta (West Bengal)

Surplus Gas in Tripura

146. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI KHAGEN DAS:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that surplus gas is available from ONGC sites in Tripura;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to use the surplus gas as